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**Family Law Resources**

**AllLaw.com** – [http://www.alllaw.com](http://www.alllaw.com)

Family Law is the first entry in AllLaw’s Legal Topic Index, and clicking on that link takes you to useful information like a locator for family-law practitioners in all 50 states; articles on topics related to divorce and child custody; and child-support calculators (fill-in-the-blank calculations based on the statutory guidelines) for all 50 states. The *Child Custody & Divorce Resources* link to an enormous range of family-law resources organized by state.


The Web site for this organization offers links to a variety of research tools such as state statutes and court rules, a selection of meta index pages on family law, and search engines that specialize in legal materials. There is also an extensive collection of articles by Academy fellows on every conceivable family law issue.

**American Bar Association Section of Family Law** – [http://www.abanet.org/family/](http://www.abanet.org/family/)
This is the official website of the ABA section for family law practitioners. It provides Section information, a Calendar of Events, a catalog of ABA publications on topical issues, abstracts of articles from *Family Advocate* and *The Family Law Quarterly* and discussion groups. Section reports available at the site include *Model Standards of Practice for Family and Divorce Mediation* and *ABA Family Law Section Practice Standards for Lawyers Representing Children in Child Abuse and Neglect*. Finally, there is a links section with connections to state bar family law sections, and other sites of interest to family law practitioners.

**Divorce Litigation** – [http://members.aol.com/nlrg1/divlit.htm](http://members.aol.com/nlrg1/divlit.htm)

*Divorce Litigation* is a monthly law journal for family law attorneys that covers the entire field of family law, but focuses primarily upon issues arising out of divorce cases. Although the journal is available only through subscription, the publishers offer an on-line index of eight years of articles from 1991 - 1998.


This site is designed primarily for consumers. However, it provides links to resources on divorce and child custody from all 50 states. Clicking on the Georgia link, for instance, pulls up a page of links to local counsel affiliated with
Divorcenet, lists of Georgia family law articles by Georgia practitioners, and links to various state and county courts, the online Official Code of Georgia, and the Department of Human Resources Division of Family & Children Services.

**Fam-law-lit:** – [http://www.divorcenet.com/famlaw/famlawlit.html](http://www.divorcenet.com/famlaw/famlawlit.html)

This site, subtitled *a Survey of Current Periodical Literature Addressing Family Law Issues*, contains lists and short synopses of pertinent articles from both primary family law periodicals and general interest law journals. The articles are organized by month of publication, and date back as far as January, 1998. Also *Ethics Spotlight*, at the same site, contains synopses of articles about ethics in family law practice, going back to March, 1998.

**Legal Information Institute Divorce Law Materials** –

[http://fatty.law.cornell.edu/topics/divorce.html](http://fatty.law.cornell.edu/topics/divorce.html)

The Cornell Legal Information Institute menu of sources on divorce law provides links to recent divorce decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals, state divorce laws, and each section of the Uniform Matrimonial, Family and Health Laws (with a list of states that have adopted the section). At the bottom of this menu of sources is a link to all of the family law
topics for which LII offers menus—adoption, child custody, children’s rights, estate planning, estates and trusts, insurance, and marriage. Each of these topical pages offers the same sort of links listed on the divorce law page.


This is a comprehensive site offering links to over 100 resources of interest to practitioners with family-law questions. Categories of links include Family Law/Child Support Organizations, Child Support Guidelines on the Web, Child Support Calculators on the Web, The Family Law Sections of the various State Bar Associations, Resources and Links for Laypersons, and Family Law/Child Support Legal Research.
Criminal Law Resources

Bureau of Justice Statistics – http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/

This Justice Department site offers statistics on crime and crime victims, law enforcement and prosecution, criminal offenders, and courts and sentencing.


This site continues the work of the Capital Defenders Toolbox. It includes a weekly newsletter which discusses court decisions in capital cases from around the country, in most instances with a link to the full decision. It also publishes scores of briefs, motions, certiorari petitions, amicus briefs and case law guides from Federal and state capital cases.

CrimeLynx – http://www.crimelynx.com/

This Web site bills itself as the “criminal practitioner’s guide through the internet”. It offers legal research, forensic and expert, investigation, and crime policy links, dozens of each. In addition, there are several discussion forums, including one highlighting court decisions favorable to the defense from around the country.
Criminal Law and Procedure Journals –

  (all but the current issue available full text in pdf format)

  (all issues, including current, available full text in both html and pdf formats)

- Western Criminology Review – [http://wcr.sonoma.edu/](http://wcr.sonoma.edu/)
  (all issues available, more recent in both html and pdf, older in html only)

Criminal Justice Mega-Sites – [http://faculty.ncwc.edu/toconnor/linklist.htm](http://faculty.ncwc.edu/toconnor/linklist.htm)

An enormous site of links to all sorts of criminal justice information. Just a list of categories is almost too long for this paper: Comprehensive Sites Where You Can Find Just About Anything; Official Criminal Justice Data and Facts; Police Resources; Legal and Law-related Resources; Corrections and Prison-related Resources; Publishers of Criminal Justice Textbooks; Journals in Criminal Justice, Discussion Groups; and Professional Associations.

Dictionary of Street Drug Slang –

[http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/slang/home.html](http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/slang/home.html)

The Indiana Prevention Resource Center on-line dictionary contains more than
3,800 street drug slang terms from the Indiana Prevention Resource Center files, with more than 1,200 additions from the National Drug and Crime Clearinghouse slang term list. The dictionary appears as a search box; you enter terms you need defined and the search engine will try to match from the database.


Contact information for all U.S. Attorneys’ offices, including links to websites.

**Directory of State Attorneys General and State and Local Prosecutors** – [http://www.co.eaton.mi.us/ecpa/proslist.htm](http://www.co.eaton.mi.us/ecpa/proslist.htm)

Contact information for over 2,300 state and local prosecutors; includes links to most Georgia circuits.


GIDC offers the Guidelines of the Supreme Court of Georgia for the Operations of Local Indigent Defense Programs; a bimonthly newsletter, *Indigent Defense Issues*; information on language interpreters and several forms in a variety of languages; the Georgia courts criminal fine surcharge calculator; and a schedule of events and seminars.

The NCJRS is “a collection of clearinghouses” supporting the following bureaus of the U.S. Department of Justice: the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Office for Victims of Crime. Its Web site features thousands of articles produced by these offices and other criminal justice researchers as well as statistics from Corrections, courts, law enforcement, and victims’ advocates. It is easily the premier site for criminal justice policy and research.

Penal Law Web – http://wings.buffalo.edu/law/bclc/web/cover

This web site is compiled by a professor at the Buffalo Criminal Law Center (SUNY, Buffalo). It is continuously updated to reflect recent developments in substantive criminal law, and includes: a collection of materials concerning constitutional limitations on substantive criminal law, an annotated version of the Model Penal Code with court opinions, commentary and relevant statutory materials, unannotated versions of 50+ domestic and foreign penal codes as well as other statutory materials on penal law and related areas, and 300+ court opinions on penal law from the United States and other countries, indexed alphabetically,
jurisdictionally, and topically.

**Forensics**

The following websites are a sampling of the many Internet sites devoted to information about all aspects of forensic science.


This page of a law firm’s Web site contains thousands of links accumulated and organized by a criminal law practitioner in California. The links include experts, professional organizations, and basic explanations of various areas of forensic science.

**Zeno’s Forensic Links** – [http://forensic.to/forensic.html](http://forensic.to/forensic.html)

Zeno Geradts is a forensic scientist at the Netherlands Forensic Institute of the Ministry of Justice at the Digital Evidence section in the area of forensic (video) image processing and pattern recognition. He has gathered and organized an impressive collection of links to information sites about all areas of forensic science and to homepages for dozens of experts in virtually every field of forensics.
Bankruptcy Resources

American Bankruptcy Institute – http://www.abiworld.org/

ABI World offers daily bankruptcy news, legislative updates, bankruptcy statistics, summaries of recent bankruptcy decisions, links to the full text of decisions when they are available, and links to analyses of bankruptcy cases by practitioners and scholars. In addition, this is a great source for legislative updates and includes links to the full text of proposed bills and available congressional testimony.


This site offers both free and subscription based services. On the free end, it provides bankruptcy news, and a database listing major public company bankruptcy filings since 1986 (the subscription offerings include the full filings in these cases).

Bankruptcy Developments Journal –

http://www.law.emory.edu/BDJ/bdjhome.htm

This Emory Law School journal expects to be available online beginning in May 2003.

This site bills itself as the premier web site for the posting of asset sales from bankruptcy estates by bankruptcy trustees, debtors in possession, or others having the authority to sell such assets by the appropriate U.S. Bankruptcy Court, and has a stated goal of providing a forum to sell assets quickly and inexpensively. This site is hosted by the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) in cooperation with the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees (NABT).

Commercial Law League of America – http://www.clla.org/

The Commercial Law League of America (CLLA) is an organization of collections, creditors' rights and bankruptcy professionals. In addition to providing bankruptcy news and legislative updates, it Web site also offers a variety of papers on bankruptcy issues, many written by and for attorneys.

Law About Bankruptcy – http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/bankruptcy.html

The Legal Information Institute at Cornell provides pages on many topical legal issues. Its bankruptcy page offers links to the Bankruptcy Code and related regulations, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and recent bankruptcy decisions by the Supreme Court and the circuit Courts of Appeal.
Official Bankruptcy Forms – http://www.uscourts.gov/bankform/

Court Links – http://www.uscourts.gov/links.html

The Administrative Office of the Federal Judiciary offers all official bankruptcy forms online, as well as a directory of online access to U.S. courts which includes bankruptcy courts.